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67	6593	5594	Nanded - Bangalore Express
68	6613	5614	Rajkot-Coimbatore Exp.
69	7045	7046	Howrah - Hyderabad East Coast Express
70	7479	7480	Puri-Tirupati Exp.
71	7481	7482	Bilaspur - Tirupati Exp.
72	8029	8030	Howrah-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Exp.
73	8103	8104	Tata-Amritsar Jalliawalan Bagh Express
74	8201	8202	Durg - Gorakhpur Express
75	8233	8234	Indore - Bilaspur Narmada Express
76	8415	8416	Bhubneshwar - Yeshwantpur Express
77	8609	8610	Ranchi-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Exp.
78	9019	9020	Bandra (T)-Dehradun Exp.
79	9023	9024	Mumbai Central -Firozpur Janata Exp.
80	9049	9050	Bandra (T) - Patna Express
81	9111	9112	Ahmedabad - Jammu Tawi Express
82	9165	9166	Ahmedabad-Darbhanga Sabarmati Exp.
83	9167	9168	Ahmedabad-Varanasi Sabarmati Exp
84	9265	9266	Okha - Dehradun Uttaranchal Express
85	9305	9306	Indore - Howrah Shipra Express
86	9321	9322	Indore - Rajendranagar Express
87	9569	9570	Okha-Varanasi Exp.

Shortage of coolies at stations in Delhi

697. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of coolies at all the major stations in Delhi which causes hardship to passengers particularly the elderly and women and that it also leads to exploitation by the available coolies;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage;

(c) the approved and actual strength of coolies as on 1 st February, 2009 at each of the stations; and

(d) the steps proposed to ensure adequate number of coolies at each station and also to ensure that they do not indulge in overcharging?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The appointment of Gangmen from among the licensed porters has led to the shortage at the stations of Delhi. The process of engagement of fresh licensed porters to overcome the shortage could not be initiated as a large number of these newly appointed gangmen have submitted representations for restoring their badges to work again as licensed porters. The sanctioned and existing strength of licensed porters at major stations of Delhi is as under:

Name of stations	Sanctioned strength	Existing strength
New Delhi	1407	648
Delhi Main	830	247
Hazrat Nizammudin	431	316
Delhi Sarai Rohilla	25	16

To ensure availability of licensed porters, redeployment of licensed porters within the division is being resorted to till such time the process of engaging fresh licensed porters could be initiated. The requirement of licensed porters at Delhi main station is being reviewed and rationalized so that the surplus could be redeployed at New Delhi where there is major shortage. To overcome the problem of overcharging and exploitation by licensed porters, regular checks are being conducted at these stations. The badges of licensed porters involved in such activities are being impounded/suspended.

Grabbing of railway's land

698. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases with area of land and structure belonging to Railways in Karnataka under adverse possession as on 1st January, 2009;

(b) the action taken, so far, in each case to have the same vacated/restored;

(c) whether the involvement of railway officials in land grabbing has been investigated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) State-wise details of encroachments on railway land are not maintained. The State of Karnataka is covered by four zonal Railways, namely Central, Southern, South Central and South Western Railways. There are 40331 number of encroachments covering area of 181.44 hectare as per details given below.

Railway Zone	Number	Area (Hectare)
Central	27352	74
Southern	9709	64.8
South Central	2728	26.27
South Western	542	16.37
TOTAL :	40331	181.44